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 Let each becalm his troubled breast,
 Wash and partake serene the friendly feast. *Pope's Odyssey.*
 2. To cleanse cloths.
 She can wash and scour.
 —A special virtue; for then she need not be washed and scoured.
WASH, *n. f.* [from the verb.]
 1. Alluvion; any thing collected by water.
 The wash of pastures, fields, commons, and roads, where rain-water hath a long time settled, is of great advantage to all land.
 A bog; a marsh; a fen; a quagmire.
 Full thirty times hath Phœbus car gone round
 Neptune's salt wash, and Tellus' orb'd ground. *Shaksp. Neptune.*
 The best part of my power
 Were in the washes all unwarily
 Devoured by the unexpected flood. *Shaksp. King John.*
 4. A medical or cosmetic lotion.
 Try whether children may not have some wash to make their teeth better and stronger.
 They paint and patch their imperfections
 Of intellectual complexions,
 And daub their tempers o'er with washes,
 As artificial as their faces.
 He tried all manner of washes; to bring him to a better complexion; but there was no good to be done.
 None are welcome to fuch, but those who speak paint and wash; for that is the thing they love; and no wonder, since it is the thing they need.
 To flail from rainbows, ere they drop in show'rs,
 A brighter wash.
 Here gallipots and vials plac'd,
 Some fill'd with washes, some with paste.
 5. A superficial stain or colour.
 Imagination stamps signification upon his face, and tells the people he is to go for so much, who oftentimes, being deceived by the wash, never examine the metal, but take him upon content.

6. The feed of hogs gathered from washed dishes.
 The wretched, bloody, and usurping boar,
 That spoil'd your summer-fields and fruitful vines,
 Swills your warm blood like wash, and makes his trough
 In your embow'd bottoms.
 7. The act of washing the cloaths of a family; the linen washed at once.
WASHBALL, *n. f.* [wash and ball.] Ball made of soap.
 I asked a poor man how he did; he said: he was like a washball, always in decay.
WASHER, *n. f.* [from wash.] One that washes.
 Quickly is his laundress, his washers, and his wringer. *Shak. Washer.*
WASHY, *adj.* [from wash.]
 1. Watry; damp.
 On the washy ooze deep channels wore,
 Easy, ere God had bid the ground be dry.
 2. Weak; not solid.
 A polish of clearness, evenly and smoothly spread, not overthin and washy, but of a pretty solid confidence.
WASP, *n. f.* [wasp, Saxon; *waspa*, Latin; *guêpe*, French.] A brisk stinging insect, in form resembling a bee.
 More wasps, that buzz about his nose,
 Will make this sting the sooner.
 Encounter with a wasp.
 He in his arms the fly doth clasp.
 Why, what a wasp-tongue'd and impatient
 Art thou, to break into this woman's mood,
 Tying thine ear to no tongue but thine own! *Shak. H. IV.*
WASPISH, *adj.* [from wasp.] Peevish; malignant; irritable; irascible.
 I'll use you for my laughter,
 When you are waspish.
 Come, you wasp, you are too angry.
 —If I be waspish, best beware my sting.
 By the stern brow and waspish action,
 Which the did use as she was writing of it,
 It bears an angry tenour.
 The taylor's wife was only a good hearty threw, under the impotency of an unruly waspish humour: she would have her will.
 Upon this gross mistake the poor waspish creature runs on for many leaves.

WAS

Men should set snares in their warrens to catch polecats and foxes.
WARRENER, *n. f.* [from *warren*.] The keeper of a warren.
WARRIOR, *n. f.* [from *war*.] A soldier; a military man.

I came from Corinth,
 Brought to this town by that most famous warrior,
 Duke Menaphon.
 Fierce fiery warriors fight upon the clouds,
 In ranks and squadrons and right form of war,
 Which drizzled blood upon the Capitol. *Shaksp. Jul. Cas.*
 I sing the warrior and his mighty deeds.
 The warrior horses ty'd in order fed. *Dryden's Æn.*
 The mute walls relate the warrior's fame,
 And Trojan chiefs the Tyrians pity claim. *Dryden's Æn.*
 Camilla led her troops, a warrior dame;
 Unbred to spinning, in the loom unskill'd,
 She chose the nobler Pallas of the field. *Dryden's Æn.*

WART, *n. f.* [peave, Saxon; *warte*, Dutch.] A cornuous excrescence; a small protuberance on the flesh.
 If thou grate of mountains, let them throw
 Millions of acres on us, till our ground,
 Singing his note against the burning sun,
 Make Ossa like a wart. *Shak. Hamlet.*
 In old statues of stone, which have been put in cellars, the feet of them being bound with leaden bands, there it appeared the lead did swell, inasmuch as it hanged upon the stone like warts.
 Like vile stones lying in sa